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Dear Honorable Members of the Transportation Committee,

Please consider this letter my testimony in support of Senate Joint Resolution 23: A Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution Limiting the Use of Moneys Contained in the Special Transportation Fund

I believe this amendment is necessary for we are severely challenged with the following problems:

- Our state consistently spends much more than it takes in, forcing our leadership to steal from one account to pay another account. Over time this has been detrimental to our transportation infrastructure.
- Overtime the gas taxes have grown much higher than our surrounding state's which makes our state less competitive in keeping and attracting new businesses.

Last year I had to travel to Washington DC several times and I was very surprised that Connecticut had the highest cost gas on the east coast. Connecticut was at least \$0.50/gallon higher than any other state that I traveled thru. Yet I was very surprised that few people in Connecticut were upset. In fact the narrative on most news channels was that this was not an important issue to many citizens but just sour grapes with the Republicans leadership.

- Lack of review and comments on the state budget priorities, by the public, has led to bad choices over the decades.

It has become a common practice to pass a budget, that really doesn't balance, on the last day of the session, at night, using the emergency certification process that has led to the prolong looting of the transportation funds for decades

Please support Senate Joint Resolution 23. It is the only control that will make our leaders come to terms with our financial limitations and will ultimately lead to better decisions being made.

Sincerely,
Ed Daly